

5. CONSULTATION AND COORDINATION

5.1. PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT

The public and other agencies identified many environmental issues associated with the proposed action during the scoping process. A summary of public involvement in the initial scoping and planning activities is outlined in Section 1.4 of this draft EIS. A summary of major concerns raised during scoping is also found in that section. A full history of public scoping activities is found in Appendix C. Briefly, concerns about possible impacts from the proposed action on park cultural resources and landscapes, scenic values, wildlife and vegetation, water resources, and other natural resources were raised. Social issues such as public health and safety, changes in recreational opportunities, and economic impacts on local communities and school districts were also identified.

In addition to public scoping, numerous agencies and organizations have been consulted throughout the preparation of this document. A list of agencies and organizations consulted is found in Appendix C. In particular, cultural resource compliance for this project as required under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act, as amended, has been initiated. Additionally, a preliminary consultation with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service was completed, and will continue as required in accordance with the Endangered Species Act.

Copies of the draft EIS are available by request by writing to Superintendent at the address below, by phone 440-546-5903, or by e-mail to cuva_superintendent@nps.gov. A downloadable on-line version of the document is available at: <http://www.nps.gov/cuva/management/rmprojects/ruraleis/>. Reference copies have been placed at several local libraries.

Comments on the DEIS must be received no later than 60-days after the Environmental Protection Agency publishes its notice of availability in the Federal Register. The formal closing date of this comment period will be made available on the park's web site once it is known. Public open houses for commenting on the DEIS will be announced in the local media and the park's web site when they are scheduled. Information about meeting time and place will be available by contacting the Park's communications center at 440-526-5256 or visiting the park's web site.

Readers are encouraged to send their comments on the draft EIS to:

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5.2. AGENCIES AND ORGANIZATIONS THAT RECEIVED THE DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT

Federal Agencies

Army Corp of Engineers
Department of the Interior
 Fish & Wildlife Service
 National Park Service, Midwest Region Office
 National Park Service, Water Resources Division, Denver Service Center
Environmental Protection Agency

State and Local Agencies or Governments

Bath Township
Boston Township
City of Akron
City of Bedford
City of Brecksville
City of Cuyahoga Falls
City of Fairlawn
City of Hudson
City of Independence
City of Valley View
Cleveland Metroparks
County of Cuyahoga County
County of Summit County
Cuyahoga Soil and Water Conservation District
Metro Parks, Serving Summit County
Northfield Center Township
Ohio Department of Natural Resources
 Division of Natural Areas and Preserves
 Division of Parks and Recreation
 Division of Soil and Water Conservation
 Division of Wildlife
Ohio Department of Agriculture
Ohio Environmental Protection Agency
Ohio Historical Society (State Historic Preservation Officer)
Richfield Township
Sagamore Hills Township
Summit Soil and Water Conservation District
Village of Boston Heights
Village of Peninsula
Village of Richfield
Village of Walton Hills

Organizations or Universities

American Farmland Trust
Carriage Trade Farms
Center for Farmland Preservation in Northeast Ohio
Cleveland Museum of Natural History
Crooked River Herb Farm
Crown Point Ecology Center
Cuyahoga River Remedial Action Plan
Cuyahoga Valley Communities Council
Cuyahoga Valley Countryside Conservancy
Cuyahoga Valley National Park Association
Friends of the Crooked River
Greater Akron Audubon Society
Heritage Farms
Hunker Associates, Inc.
Northwestern University
Ohioan Ecological Food and Environment
Ohio & Erie Canal Corridor Coalition
Ohio Canal Corridor
Ohio State University, Ohio Agricultural Research and Development Center
Public Employees for Environmental Responsibility
The American Livestock Breeds Conservancy
The Nature Conservancy
University of Akron
University of Guelph (Ontario, Canada)
Western Reserve Historical Society
Woodridge School District

Tribes

Delaware Tribe
Delaware Tribe of Western Oklahoma
Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma
Miami Tribe of Oklahoma
Ottawa Tribe of Oklahoma
Shawnee Tribe
Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma
Seneca-Cayuga Tribe of Oklahoma
Seneca Nation - Tribal Historic Preservation Office
Wyandotte Nation

Congressional Delegates

The Honorable Sherrod Brown
The Honorable Mike DeWine
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The Honorable Steven La Tourette
The Honorable Ralph S. Regula
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The Honorable Stephanie Tubbs-Jones

The Honorable George Voinovich

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Libraries

Cuyahoga County Library Branches
Brecksville Branch
Garfield Heights Branch
Independence Branch
Maple Heights Regional

Akron-Summit County Public Library
Main Branch
Nardon Hills Branch
Richfield Branch

Hudson Library and Historical Society
Peninsula Library
Taylor Memorial Public Library

Notification of Availability

A list of approximately 400 individuals and organizations that were mailed a notification of the availability of the EIS is available directly from the park.

5.3. PREPARERS AND CONTRIBUTORS

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